WILDFIRE GLOBAL CHURCH

3032 Primrose Drive Abilene, Texas 79606

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May 22, 2006

Reference: CGB-CC-0142

Amelia Brown, Disability Rights Office Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

PETITION FOR EXEMPTION

Henry and Chong Flint, the undersigned, broadcast a weekly one-hour religious program on KRBC-TV, Abilene, and KSAN-TV, San Angelo, Texas, each Sunday morning from 12 midnight to 1 a.m.

Under the new rules of the F.C.C., the program is required to have Closed Captioning of its content.

This petition is to show that the requirement would place an un-due burden on the program's provider and would result in the program having to be discontinued.

1. Henry and Chong Flint, a married couple, have a person passion to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus to people in the area of West Texas. They have arranged to broadcast a weekly program on KRBC-TV and KSAN-TV with a weekly cost of \$125 total. Suppliers have stated that in order to provide Closed Captioning, the Flints would have to incur equipment charges of over \$2,000 for additional equipment and software and would have to incur an additional weekly cost of \$200 just to provide the required service. (see explanation of cost as attached)

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- 2. Wildfire Global Church is a "one-man operation"! Henry Flint does the actual recording of the program each week in his bedroom. He is both the camera operator and the speaker on the program. He personally hand delivers the recorded program each week to the TV stations and he and his wife Chong pay for the weekly broadcast out of their personal checking account. (see attached checking account records)
- 3. Wildfire Global Church has NO BUILDING, NO OFFICES, and NO ON-GOING SOURCE OF FINANCES! Contributions to the program during this past calendar year from the general public or other sources were LESS THAN \$150. (see attached affidavit)
- 4. Because of the small scale under which this ministry is operated and the very small weekly cost of the air time used for this television broadcast which is paid for out of a single household's personal income, the addition of more expenses would make the continuation of the broadcast impossible.

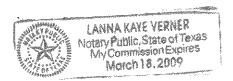
Therefore, Wildfire Global Church respectfully requests that the Federal Communications Commission grant our Petition for Exemption from the statutes that require all television program providers to have Close Captioning.

Sincerely,

Henry Flint, Minister

Sworn and subscribed to before me this the $\frac{20}{20}$ day of May, 2006.

Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas



AFFADAVIT

I Henry Flint talked with Thorne Electronics on May 18, 2006, and was told that in order to incorporate Closed Captioning into my television broadcast, I would have to buy a new camera at a minimum cost of \$2,000. In addition, I would have to secure new software specifically designed to place Closed Captioning on my recording.

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I Henry Flint state that total contributions from viewers or the general public to the Wildfire Global Church television ministry during calendar year 2005 were less than \$150.00.

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'Mascot for God'

Abilene man broadcasts sermons from his spare bedroom

By Ronald W. Erdrich / Reporter-News April 1, 2006

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About a year ago, Henry took over the local TV broadcast of Wildfire Ministries after his daughter Crystal Ray and her brother Joshua Ray moved to California. His sermons alternate with programs Crystal and Joshua continue sending to Abilene and air early Sunday mornings on KRBC-TV (Channel 9), right after "Saturday Night Live."

Henry, who lives in Abilene, records his program with a tiny video camera. A homemade banner draped behind him is illuminated by a pair of halogen construction lights. The scene is Spartan, but Henry has an answer for those who would disparage his broadcast and its reach.

"God says do not despise small beginnings," he said. "Wildfire is designed to give people hope. We reach people who never go to church on Sunday morning."

Henry stays up to watch the broadcast and to take any telephone calls from viewers. Sometimes kids dial his number to ask if they are the ninth caller to win a prize.

"I don't mind, it means they are watching," Henry said, laughing.

But sometimes the calls can be serious, especially if the caller is depressed. Henry also gets letters from inmates at local prisons thanking him for the sermons, and Henry is recognized occasionally in public.

One woman told him she appreciated his broadcast because of its honesty.

"My job is to preach God's word as I understand it," Henry said.

Unfortunately, sometimes he's the only one who can understand it.

The video camera microphone's technical limitations combined with his low-toned speaking style can garble part of the message.

But if the words get muddled, the power of faith fueling them is clearly seen.

Henry livens his free-associating sermons with metaphors and analogies, once calling himself a "mascot for God." Another time, he described himself as a tube of toothpaste squeezed on all sides by the Devil, but still coming out on top.

"God specializes in taking one camera and a guy who can hardly talk and making that a success," Henry said. "I enjoy what I'm doing. It's common-sense preaching. God didn't make the Gospel boring. We did."

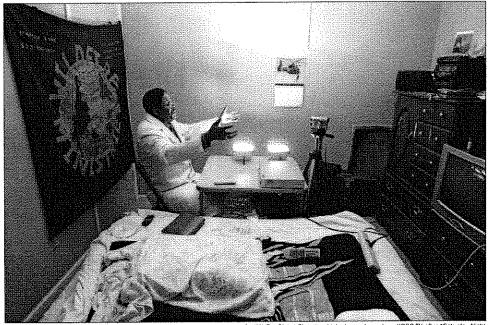
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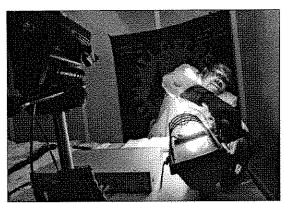


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- Henry Flint, Abilene man who produces Wildfire Ministries



Above, Henry Fint prays for the salvation of his audience while taping a broadcast for Wildfire Global Church, which airs each week on KRBC-TV after "Saturday Night Live," At top, Henry looks into a small video camera and gives a sermon to viewers.



Henry turns on the halogen worklights he uses to turn his spare bedroom into a makeshift television studio.



Henry's wife, Chong, walks to the kitchen as he tries to understand why the BVD he made of his broadcast won't play on his inving room TV. Henry usually brings the entire player with him to the television station to ensure there aren't any problems with playi

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March 13, 2006

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Federal Communications Commission Amelia Brown, Disability Right Office 445 12th Street, S.W.

Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Case # CGB-CC-0142

Dear Ms. Brown,

This letter is to provide you with the information/documentation that you have requested to complete our petition.

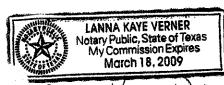
We have included copies of statements from the television station on which we air our programming. Also, we have included copies of our bank statements for the past year.

We have researched the cost of having a video service provide the closed captioning for our program and the cost is a minimum of \$500 for each 30 minute program. Since we air two thirty-minute programs each week, this would cost us \$1,000 weekly. With the cost of both video service and paid programming, Wildfire Global Church does not have the financial resources thus is requesting an exemption based on the undue burden standard.

Sincerely,

Henry Flint, Minister

325-692-5184



Remit to:

4510 S. 14th Abilene, Texas 79605 325-692-4242

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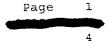
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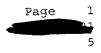
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December 29, 2005

Commission's Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Attention: CGB Room 3-B431
9300 East Hampton Drive
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

RE: Request for Exemption from Commission's Closed Captioning Rules

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in reference to a non-profit organization, Wildfire Global Church, respectfully requesting exemption from the closed captioning requirements under Section 79.1 (f) of the Commission's rules.

- 1. The amount paid for the airing of our program is \$7,800 per year.
- 2. Our revenue is solely based on donations sent after each broadcast.
- 3. Total income of the church is less that \$3,000,000 in gross annual revenues.
- 4. All of the production of the program is performed by me & my family members at no charge.

Again we respectfully request that Wildfire Global Church be exempt from the closed captioning requirements. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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